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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 18733/00070		SERIAL NO.: 09/994,526	
FILING DATE: November 27, 2001	Confirmation No: 8523	EXAMINER: Devon C. Kramer	GROUP ART UNIT: 3683
INVENTOR(S): Akira TSUBOUCHI, et al			
TITLE OF INVENTION: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF			

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PATENT APPLICATION IS:

- ☒ (A) A response to the Office Action dated: April 9, 2003
- ☒ (B) A Petition for Extension of Time
☒ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months;
A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed,
☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months
- ☐ (C) A request for approval of proposed drawing changes.
- ☐ (D) A Notice of Appeal. \$
- ☐ (E) An Appellant's Brief on Appeal. \$
- ☐ (F) Other: \$
- ☐ (G) A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
- ☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been previously established
- ☐ The claims fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below

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TOTAL		MINUS		
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$9	\$
x \$42	
+ \$140	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

LARGE ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$18	\$
x \$84	
+ \$280	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

OR

- ☒ Please charge \$110.00 to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260, which includes
☐ the amount of \$ for the claims fee calculated above AND/OR
☒ the amount of \$110.00 for the fee for item(s) ☒ (B) ☐ (D) ☐ (E) ☐ (F), *supra*
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application
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- ☒ A duplicate copy of this Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is enclosed.

August 8, 2003

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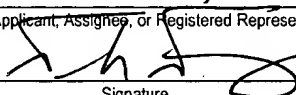
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Applicants: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi
WATANABE
For: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 which provides for a response period ending July 9, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated April 9, 2003, for one additional month to August 9, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendment Dated August 8, 2003
Reply to Office Action dated April 9, 2003

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: